

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1133 - SB 1120**

March 31, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a county or municipality operating a school system to reestablish the office of elected school superintendent by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the county or municipal legislative body. Establishes election requirements for the reestablishment of the office of elected school superintendent and required qualifications for any elected superintendent. Authorizes a county or municipality that reestablished the office of elected superintendent of schools to abolish the office via the same process as reestablishment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent a county or municipality elects to reestablish the office of elected school superintendent, and subsequently holds a required special election, the permissive increase in local expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation requires that an ordinance or resolution of a county or municipality operating a school system to reestablish the office of elected school superintendent by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the county or municipal legislative body; however, any such ordinance or resolution is required to be approved in an election provided in the county or municipality.
- Any local government holding a special election would incur one-time expenditures; however, the cost will vary based on the population of the local government holding the special election.
- Based on information provided by the State Division of Elections, a special election costs between \$10,500 for a small county such as Lake County and \$773,000 for Shelby County.
- Based on information provided by the State Division of Elections, a special election costs a municipality between \$8,800 (the city of Luttrell with a population of 1,080) and \$715,000 (the city of Memphis with a population of 646,900).
- The number of local governments that will elect to reestablish an office of elected school superintendent and subsequently hold a special election is unknown; however, if a local government holds a special election it will result in a permissive increase in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$10,000.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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